
JOINT PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE 26/06/15

Present:

Councillors:

Isle of Anglesey County Council

Cllr. Lewis Davies
Cllr. Richard Dew
Cllr. Ann Griffith
Cllr. Victor Hughes

Gwynedd Council

Cllr. Gwen Griffith
Cllr. John Brynmor Hughes
Cllr. Dyfrig Jones
Cllr. Dafydd Meurig
Cllr. John Pughe Roberts
Cllr. John Wyn Williams

Officers:

Rhun ap Gareth Senior Solicitor (GC)
Nia Haf Davies Manager – JPPU,
Gareth Jones Planning Service, Environment & Public Protection (interim) Manager (GC)
WE Jones Senior Finance Manger (GC)
Jim Woodcock Head of Planning Service & Public Protection (IOACC)
Eirian Harris Planning Support Assistant - JPPU

1. ELECT CHAIRMAN

Councillor Dafydd Meurig was elected as Chair of the Joint Planning Policy Committee and Panel for the period of 2015 – 2016.

2. ELECT VICE - CHAIRMAN

Councillor Richard Dew was elected as Vice-Chair of the Joint Planning Policy Committee and Panel for the period 2015 – 2016

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. John Arwel Roberts (IOACC) and Cllr. Nicola Roberts (IOACC)

4. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

None

5. URGENT BUSINESS

None

6. MINUTES

The minutes relating to the Committee meeting held on 18 December 2014 were authorised as being correct and signed by the Chairman.

7. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR THE JOINT PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

A report was presented by Gareth Jones which included the Governance Statement for the Joint Planning Policy Committee. By now it is a statutory requirement that statements of this kind are prepared. It was explained that the Regulations have changed since last year. This means that there will be no need to present the Statement to the Committee again during 2015 – 2016, providing that the Welsh Audit Office does not recommend changes to the Statement. The Statement was signed by the Chairman on behalf of Joint Planning Policy Committee.

8. THE JOINT COMMITTEE'S FINAL ACCOUNTS (FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.3.2015)

W E Jones presented a report in response to statutory requirements under Section 12 of the Public Audit (Wales) 2014, to report on the Joint Committee accounting and final accounts. It was explained that there was a need to complete official forms for the Welsh Audit Office and these would be subject to a separate examination.

A copy of the forms was presented under Appendix A & B. The Appointed Examiner will review the information. It was explained to the Committee that there will be no need to resubmit the report to the Joint Planning Policy Committee in September 2015 (prior to being certified by the Examiner) due to changes in arrangements, unless there will be a need to draw the Committee's attention to changes recommended by the Appointed Examiner.

Matters raised:

- An enquiry was made regarding the over-spend and under-spend on different elements, as well as whether there are any opportunities for savings during 2015 - 2016.
- It was explained that at the start of each financial year work is carried out to try to estimate the expenditure for that year. This is based on information available about similar work previously undertaken as well as other factors. The ability of the Unit to successfully undertake work themselves rather than commissioning work is an example of a factor that is to be taken to account for less spending than anticipated during 2014 – 2015.
- It was pointed out that considerable costs are to come before the Plan can be progressed to adoption stage, i.e. costs relating to the public examination.

The Statement was approved by the Committee and signed by the Chairman on the behalf of the Committee

CHAIRMAN

